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NGA Reviewing Public Comments on Aeronautical Safety of Navigation Publications

St. Louis, Mo. -- The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) officially closed on June 30, 2005 the public comment period concerning its proposal to remove its Flight Information Publications (FLIP), Digital Aeronautical Flight Information File (DAFIF™), and related aeronautical safety of navigation digital and hardcopy publications from public sale and distribution.

The review, which was announced by NGA in a Dec. 3, 2004 press release, resulted in several hundred responses to NGA. Agency officials will assess and evaluate the public input to make a final determination if it is necessary to change or modify the original proposal. The Agency has also begun a dialogue with a number of interest groups identified during the public comment period to gain further insight into those groups issues and concerns. The evaluation period should be completed by mid-September with a final decision expected in the October/November 2005 timeframe.

NGA is a national intelligence and combat support agency whose mission is to provide timely, relevant, and accurate geospatial intelligence in support of national security. Geospatial intelligence is the exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information to describe, assess, and visually depict physical features and geographically referenced activity on the earth. Headquartered in Bethesda, MD., NGA has major facilities in the Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, and St. Louis, Mo., areas with NGA support teams worldwide.